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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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RE: Approval of the FY 2023 Capital Budget

Annually the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education is required to approve the Capital Budget request, a five-year plan that covers repairs, renovations, and improvements typically at State-owned properties. This year's request includes projects for the Davies Career and Technical Center, the Metropolitan Career and Technical Center, the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, and statewide initiatives. The Capital Budget is the first step in the FY 2023 budget process.

The Department's total request through FY 2027 is fourteen (14) projects for a total cost of \$558M, which includes \$67M already spent or encumbered as of June 30, 2021. There are four new projects at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf at a projected cost of \$1M. There is a continued \$6M request in funding for the Davies Career and Technical School to replace the Healthcare Program modular classrooms, and a continued \$4M request by Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center for roof replacement and repair to 5 buildings at the Providence Campus. Additionally, there is an increase of \$250M to the statewide project to renovate local school facilities, and a facility equity initiative that will provide a faster and less costly pathway to new and renovated facilities.

The other projects in this budget request are continuations of projects that have been previously approved by the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly. Included in the existing projects are \$1.1M in requested increases for asset protection funds for the three state schools.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves and transmits the FY 2023 Capital Budget Request to the RI State Budget Office, and further approves its transmission to the RI Board of Education, for final approval.